# Indecomposable and irreducible $t$-monomial matrices over commutative rings 

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Abstract. We introduce the notion of the defining sequence of a permutation indecomposable monomial matrix over a commutative ring and obtain necessary conditions for such matrices to be indecomposable or irreducible in terms of this sequence.

## Introduction

Let $K$ be a commutative ring (with unity). By a monomial matrix $M=\left(m_{i j}\right)$ over $K$ we mean a quadratic $n \times n$ matrix, in each row and each column of which there is exactly one non-zero element. With such matrix $M$ one can associate the directed graph $\Gamma(M)$ with $n$ vertices numbered from 1 to $n$ and arrows $i \rightarrow j$ for all $m_{i j} \neq 0$. Obviously, $\Gamma(M)$ is the disjoint union of cycles, each of which has the same direction of arrows. If there is only one cycle, the monomial matrix $M$ is called cyclic (in other words, it is a permutation indecomposable monomial matrix). A cyclic matrix of the form

$$
M=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & \ldots & 0 & m_{1 n} \\
m_{21} & \ldots & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & \ldots & m_{n, n-1} & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

[^0]we call canonically cyclic. The sequence
$$
v=v(M)=\left(m_{21}, \ldots, m_{n-1, n}, m_{1 n}\right)
$$
we call the defining sequence of $M$, and write
$$
M=M(v)=M\left(m_{21}, \ldots, m_{n-1, n}, m_{1 n}\right)
$$

The sequence $v^{*}=v^{*}(M)=\left(m_{1 n}, m_{n-1, n}, \ldots, m_{21}\right)$ is called dual to $v$ and the matrix $M^{*}=M\left(v^{*}\right)$ dual to $M$.

When all elements $m_{i j}$ of a monomial (respectively, cyclic or canonically cyclic) matrix $M$ are of the form $t^{s_{i j}}(t \in K)$, where $s_{i j} \geqslant 0$, the matrix $M$ is called $t$-monomial (respectively, $t$-cyclic or canonically t-cyclic); obviously, then $t^{s_{i}} \neq 0$ for all $i$.

The most interesting cases are, obviously, those when the element $t$ is non-invertible.

Matrices of such form were studied by the authors in [1], and in this paper we continue our investigation.

## 1. Defining sequences and indecomposability

Through this section $K$ denotes a commutative local ring with maximal ideal $R=\operatorname{Rad} K \neq 0$ and $t \in R$. All matrices are considered over $K$. By $E_{s}$ one denotes the identity $s \times s$ matrix.

### 1.1. Permutation similarity. Let

$$
M=\left(\begin{array}{cccc}
0 & \ldots & 0 & t^{s_{n}}  \tag{*}\\
t^{s_{1}} & \ldots & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & \ldots & t^{s_{n-1}} & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

be a canonically $t$-cyclic matrix. A permutation of the members $x_{i}=t^{s_{i}}$ of $v(M)$ of the form $x_{i}, x_{i+1}, \ldots, x_{m}, x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{i-1}$, is called a cyclic permutation. Two matrices $M(v)$ and $M\left(v^{\prime}\right)$ is called cyclically similar if $v$ can be obtained from $v^{\prime}$ by a such permutation.

It is easy to prove the following statement ${ }^{1}$.
Proposition 1. a) Two canonically t-cyclic matrices is permutation similar if and only if they are cyclically similar.
b) The matrix transpose to a canonically t-cyclic matrix is permutation similar to the dual one.

[^1]1.2. Conjecture. Let $M(v)$ be a canonically $t$-cyclic $n \times n$ matrix with defining sequence $v=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$, where $x_{i}=t^{s_{i}}($ see $(*))$.

The sequence $v$ is called periodic with a period $0<p<n$ if $p \mid n$ and $x_{s+p}=x_{s}$ for any $1 \leqslant s \leqslant n-p$, and non-periodic if otherwise. In the case of $v$ to be periodic, the matrix $M(v)$ can be reduced by a permutation of its rows and column to the following block-monomial form: $N=\left(N_{i j}\right)_{i, j=1}^{m}$, $m=n / p$, where $N_{21}=x_{2} E_{m}, N_{32}=x_{3} E_{m}, \ldots, N_{n, n-1}=x_{n} E_{m}$ and $N_{1 m}=x_{1} M(1,1, \ldots, 1)$ with 1 to occur $m$ times $^{2}$. The $m \times m$ matrix $M(1,1, \ldots, 1)$ can be indecomposable or decomposable depending on properties of the ring $K$, and therefore so can be the matrix $M(v)$.

Conjecture 6 (V. M. Bondarenko, Private Communication). Any canonically t-cyclic matrix over $K$ with non-periodic defining sequence is indecomposable.

It is obvious that the idea of a proof of this conjecture basing on decomposition of a given matrix $M$ into a direct sum of others ones, with a final contradiction, is futile. It is most likely the best idea is to use the simple fact that $M$ is indecomposable if any idempotent matrix $X$ such that $M X=X M$ is identity or zero. The main difficulty in this way is that the non-periodicity of the defining sequence of $M$ is not determined by its local properties. In the next subsection we consider a special case in which the condition of the non-periodicity is satisfied automatically.
1.3. 2-homogeneous defining sequences. Let $M(v)$ be again a canonically $t$-cyclic $n \times n$ matrix with defining sequence $v=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$, where $x_{i}=t^{s_{i}}$. The sequence $v$ is said to be 2-homogeneous if it is translated by a cyclic permutation on that of the form $(a, a, \ldots, a, b, b, \ldots, b)$, where $a$ and $b \neq a$ both actually occur.

The following theorem proves Conjecture 1 for this case.
Theorem 1. Any canonically t-cyclic matrix over $K$ with 2-homogeneous defining sequence is indecomposable.

Proof. Let $M=M(v)$ be a canonically $t$-cyclic $n \times n$ matrix and let $v$ has $s$ coordinates equal to $a=t^{p}$ and the other ones equal to $b=t^{q}$. Assume without loss of generality that $v=(a, a, \ldots, a, b, b, \ldots, b)$ and $p<q$. So $v=t^{p} v_{0}$, where $v_{0}=\left(1,1, \ldots, 1, t^{q-p}, t^{q-p}, \ldots, t^{q-p}\right)$. After replacing $v$

[^2]by $v_{0}$ and $t^{q-p}$ by $t$ (again without loss of generality), we come to the situation where
\[

M=\left($$
\begin{array}{ccccccc}
0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & t \\
1 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & \ldots & 1 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & t & \ldots & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & \ldots & t & 0
\end{array}
$$\right)
\]

with $s$ elements to equal 1 and $k=n-s$ elements equal to $t$.
Arrange the rows and columns of the matrix $M$ in the order $1,2, \ldots$, $n-k, n, n-1, \ldots, n-k+2, n-k+1$, denoting the new matrix by $N$ :

$$
N=\left(\begin{array}{c|l}
N_{11} & N_{12} \\
\hline N_{21} & N_{22}
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{cccc|cccc}
0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & t & 0 & \ldots & 0 \\
1 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & \ldots & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 \\
\hline 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & t & \ldots & 0 \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & t \\
0 & \ldots & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0
\end{array}\right) .
$$

Prove that there is not a non-trivial idempotent matrix commuting with $N$ (see the previous subsection).

Let $C$ be an $n \times n$ matrix such that $N C=C N$, where

$$
\begin{gathered}
C=\left(\begin{array}{c|c|c}
C_{11} & C_{12} \\
\hline C_{21} & C_{22}
\end{array}\right)= \\
=\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc}
c_{11} & \ldots & c_{1, n-k} & c_{1, n-k+1} & \ldots & c_{1 n} \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
c_{n-k, 1} & \ldots & c_{n-k, n-k} & c_{n-k, n-k+1} & \ldots & c_{n-k, n} \\
\hline c_{n-k+1,1} & \ldots & c_{n-k+1, n-k} & c_{n-k+1, n-k+1} & \ldots & c_{n-k+, n} \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
c_{n 1} & \ldots & c_{n, n-k} & c_{n, n-k+1} & \ldots & c_{n n}
\end{array}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

with the same partition as $N$.

We denote by $(i, j)$ the scalar equality $(N C)_{i j}=(C N)_{i j}$. All comparisons below are considered modulo the maximal ideal $R=\operatorname{Rad} K$ (that is, they are equalities over the residue field $K / R)$. We use by default the following simple fact: $t x=t y$ implies $x \equiv y(x, y \in K)$.

Since every $j$ th column of $C N$ with $j>n-k$ consists of elements from $t K$, we have from the equations $(i, j)$ for $i=2,3, \ldots, n-k$ and $i=n$ that

$$
\left.\begin{array}{c}
\left.\quad \begin{array}{ccc|c}
C_{11} & 0 \\
\hline C_{21} & C_{22}
\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
c_{11} & \ldots & c_{1, n-k} & 0 & \ldots \\
\vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots
\end{array}\right] \vdots \\
c_{n-k, 1} \\
\ldots
\end{array} c_{n-k, n-k}\right)
$$

The equations $(i, j)$ for $i, j=1,2, \ldots, n-k$ mean that the matrix $C_{11}$ commutes modulo $R$ with the lower Jordan block $N_{11}$ and hence the matrix $C_{11}$ is lower triangular modulo $R$ (see, e. g., [2, Chap. VIII] or [3, Theorem 3.2.4.2]).

Further, from the equlities

$$
(n-k+i, n-k+j+1): t C_{n-k+i+1, n-k+j+1}=t C_{n-k+i, n-k+j}
$$

for $1 \leqslant i<j \leqslant k-1$ it follows that all elements of the matrix $C_{22}$ belonging to its $l$ th upper diagonal ${ }^{3}$ are pairwise comparable modulo $R$, $1 \leqslant l \leqslant k-2$. But since the equalities

$$
(n-k+i, n-k): t C_{n-k+i+1, n-k}=C_{n-k+i, n}
$$

$1 \leqslant i \leqslant k-1$, imply that the last elements of all (mentioned above) upper diagonals are comparable with 0 , we have eventually that the matrix $C_{22}$ is, as well as $C_{11}$ (see above), upper triangular modulo $R$.

Finally, from the equalities
I. $(2,1): c_{11}=c_{22}, \quad(3,2): c_{22}=c_{33}, \ldots$,

$$
(n-k, n-k-1): c_{n-k-1, n-k-1}=c_{n-k, n-k}
$$

II. $(n-k+1, n-k+2): t c_{n-k+1, n-k+1}=t c_{n-k+2, n-k+2}$,

$$
(n-k, n-k+1): t c_{n-k, n-k}=t c_{n-k+1, n-k+1}, \ldots,
$$

$$
(n-1, n): t c_{n-1, n-1}=t c_{n, n}
$$

[^3]III. $(n, n-k): c_{n-k, n-k}=c_{n, n}$,
it follows that $c_{11} \equiv c_{22} \equiv \cdots \equiv c_{n n}$.
Thus we prove that the matrix $C$ is comparable to an upper triangular one with the same elements on the main diagonal. It easily follows that if $C^{2} \equiv C$, then $C \equiv E_{n}$ or $C \equiv 0$, and, consequently, because the comparisons are modulo the only maximal ideal of $K, C=E_{n}$ or $C=0$, respectively.

### 1.4. Applications in the representation theory of groups.

Through this subsection $K$ is as above and of characteristic $p^{s}$ ( $p$ is simple, $s \geqslant 1$ ). All groups $G$ are assumed to be finite of order $|G|>1$. The number of nonequivalent indecomposable matrix K-representations of degree $n$ of a group G is denoted by $\operatorname{ind}_{K}(G, n)$.

From [4] it follows that $\operatorname{ind}_{K}(G, n) \geqslant|K / R|$ for any $p$-group $G$ of order $|G|>2$ and $n>1$. Here we strengthen this result in the case of both cyclic groups and radicals.

Theorem 2. Let $R=t K \neq 0$ with $t$ being nilpotent. Then, for a cyclic p-group $G$ of some order $N$ (hence of greater order), $\operatorname{ind}_{K}(G, n) \geqslant n-1$ for any $n>1$.

Proof. Let $S$ be an $n \times n$ matrix over $K$ that is nilpotent modulo $R$; then $S^{n} \equiv 0(\bmod R)$ and $S^{2 n} \equiv 0\left(\bmod R^{2}\right)$. It is easy to see that the map $\Gamma_{S}: a \rightarrow \Gamma_{S}(a)=E_{n}+u S$ with $u=t^{m-2}$ is a $K$-representation of a cyclic group $G=\langle a\rangle$ of an order $p^{r} \geqslant 2 n, r \geqslant 2$. It is indecomposable if and only if so is modulo Annu $:=\left\{x \in K \mid t^{m-2} x=0\right\}=R^{2}$, and representations $\Gamma_{S}$ and $\Gamma_{S^{\prime}}$ are equivalent if and only if the matrices $S$ and $S^{\prime}$ are similar modulo $R^{2}$.

Consider the $K$-representations $\Gamma_{M_{k}}, k=1,2, \ldots, n-1$, with the matrices $M_{k}=M(1, \ldots, 1, t \ldots, t)$, where 1 occurs $k$ times (see the previous subsection). They are non-equivalent, because $M_{k}$ has rank $k$ modulo $R$, and indecomposable by Theorem 1 (taking into account that $\operatorname{Rad}(K / A n n u)=R / R^{2}$ is a principal ideal of $K / R^{2}$ generated by $\left.t+R^{2} \neq R^{2}\right)$.

Theorem 3. Let the characteristic of $K$ is $p$ and $R=t K \neq 0$ with $t^{2}=0$. Then, for any cyclic $p$-group $G$ and $n \geqslant|G|$, $\operatorname{ind}_{K}(G, n) \geqslant|G|-2$.

Proof. We use the notation of the proof of Theorem 2. It is easy to see that, for $0<k<n$, the map $\Lambda_{k}: a \rightarrow \Lambda(a)=E_{n}+M_{k}$ is a $K-$ representation of a cyclic group $G=\langle a\rangle$ if $k+2 \leqslant|G|$; in particular, if $0<k<|G|-1 \leqslant n-1$. By the last condition, their number is equal to
$|G|-2$. The representations $\Lambda_{k}$ are indecomposable by Theorem 1 , and non-equivalent (see the previous proof).

## 2. Defining sequences and irreducibility

Through this section $K$ also denotes a commutative local ring with maximal ideal $R=\operatorname{Rad} K \neq 0 ; t \neq 0$ is any element of $R$ unless otherwise stated.

For an $n \times n$ matrix $A$ over $K$, we denote by $[i \xrightarrow{a} j]^{+}\left(\right.$resp. $\left.[i \xrightarrow{a} j]^{-}\right)$ the following similarity transformation of $A$ : adding $i$ th row (resp. column), multiplied by $a$, to $j$ th row (resp. column), and then subtracting $j$ th column (resp. rows), multiplied by $a$, from $i$ th column (resp. row).

### 2.1. Theorems on irreducible canonically $t$-cyclic matrices.

Let $M=M(v)$ be a canonically $t$-cyclic $n \times n$ matrix with defining sequence $v=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$, where $x_{i}=t^{s_{i}}$ (see $(*)$ ). We call the sequence $v_{0}=v_{0}(M)=\left(s_{1}, s_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$ the weighted sequence of $M$, and the number $w=w(M)=s_{1}+s_{2}+\cdots+s_{n}$ the weight of $M^{4}$.

From the results of [1] it follows the next theorem ${ }^{5}$.
Theorem 4. If the matrix $M(v)$ is irreducible, then its weight is prime to $n$.

Corollary 1. If $t^{2}=0$ and the matrix $M(v)$ is irreducible, then its rank modulo $R$ is prime to $n$.

By a connected subsequence of the length $1 \leqslant l \leqslant n$ of a defining sequence $v=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{n}\right)$ we mean any subsequence which maps by a cyclic permutation on one of the form $x_{1}, x_{2}, \ldots, x_{l}$. If it is 2 -homogeneous i. e., by analogy with the above said, has the form $u=\left(t^{i}, t^{i}, \ldots, t^{i}, t^{j}, t^{j}, \ldots, t^{j}\right), t^{i} \neq t^{j}$, where $t^{i}$ and $t^{j}$ both actually occur, then the pair $(p, q)$, consisting of the numbers of occurrences of $t^{i}$ and $t^{j}$ we call the type of $u$.

We shall obtain the following theorem as a consequence of statements in more general situations.

Theorem 5. If the matrix $M(v)$ with 2 -homogeneous defining sequence $v$ is irreducible and $n>5, t^{2}=0$, then its weight is equal 1,2 or $n-1$.

Concerning the cases when the weight is equal $1, n-1$ see [1, Introduction].

[^4]
### 2.2. Defining sequences with subsequences of type $(2,4)$

and $(4,2)$. We are interested in the cases when a 2 -homogeneous subsequence has the form $\left(t^{s}, t^{s}, t^{s}, t^{s}, 1,1\right)$ or $\left(1,1, t^{s}, t^{s}, t^{s}, t^{s}\right)$. Since they are mutually dual (see Proposition 1), we consider only the first case.

Proposition 2. If $t^{m}=0$ and a canonically $t$-cyclic $n \times n$ matrix $M(v)$ is irreducible, then the sequence $v$ does not contain a subsequence of the form $\left(t^{s}, t^{s}, t^{s}, t^{s}, 1,1\right)$ with $m \leqslant 2 s<2 m$.

We prove a more general statement replacing $\left(t^{s}, t^{s}, t^{s}, t^{s}, 1,1\right)$ by $\left(t^{i}, t^{j}, t^{p}, t^{q}, 1,1\right)$ with $0<i, j, p, q<m, i+j \geqslant m, p+q \geqslant m$, assuming (by Proposition 1) that the subsequence is the beginning of $v$ and (by Theorem 4) that $n>6$.

This follows from the following: if we perform with the reducible matrix

$$
N=\left(\begin{array}{cccccc|ccc}
0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & -t^{j} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \alpha_{1} & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & \ldots & \alpha_{k} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & t^{i} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\hline 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & t^{q} \\
0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & t^{p} & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

$(k=n-6)$ the transformation $\left[(n-2) \xrightarrow{t^{j}}(n-3)\right]^{-},[1 \xrightarrow{-1}(n-1)]^{+}$, $\left[2 \xrightarrow{-t^{p}} n\right]^{+}$, and arrange the rows and columns of the resulting monomial matrix

$$
N^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{cccccc|ccc}
0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & \alpha_{1} & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & \ldots & \alpha_{k} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & t^{i} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\hline 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & t^{q} \\
0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & t^{j} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & t^{p} & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

in the order $n-4, n-3, n-1, n, n-2,1,2, \ldots, n-5$, we get the matrix $M\left(t^{i}, t^{j}, t^{p}, t^{q}, 1,1, \alpha_{1}, \ldots, \alpha_{k}\right)$.
2.3. Defining sequences with subsequences of type $(3,3)$. We consider the cases, when a 2 -homogeneous subsequence has the form $\left(t^{s}, t^{s}, t^{s}, 1,1,1\right)$ or $\left(1,1,1, t^{s}, t^{s}, t^{s}\right)$, in the same way as those in subsection 2.2; therefore we present only the main part and do not repeat similar assumptions and comments.

Proposition 3. If $t^{m}=0$ and a canonically $t$-cyclic $n \times n$ matrix $M(v)$ is irreducible, then the sequence $v$ does not contain a subsequence of the form $\left(t^{s}, t^{s}, t^{s}, 1,1,1\right)$ with $m \leqslant 2 s<2 m$.

We prove a more general statement replacing $\left(t^{s}, t^{s}, t^{s}, 1,1,1\right)$ by $\left(t^{i}, t^{j}, t^{p}, 1,1,1\right)$ with $0<p, q, j<m, i+j \geqslant m, 2 p \geqslant m$.

This follows from the following: if we perform with the reducible matrix

$$
N=\left(\begin{array}{ccccccc|cc}
0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & -t^{j} & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & -t^{p} & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \alpha_{1} & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & \alpha_{k} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & t^{i} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & t^{p} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

$(k=n-6)$ the transformation $\left[(n-1) \xrightarrow{t_{j}^{j}}(n-2)\right]^{-},[1 \xrightarrow{-1} n]^{+}$, $\left[2 \xrightarrow{-t^{p}}(n-1)\right]^{+},\left[3 \xrightarrow{-t^{p}} 1\right]^{+}$, and arrange the rows and columns of the resulting monomial matrix

$$
N^{\prime}=\left(\begin{array}{ccccccc|cc}
0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
1 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & \alpha_{1} & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & \alpha_{k} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & t^{i} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
\hline 0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & t^{p} \\
0 & 0 & 0 & \ldots & 0 & 0 & t^{j} & 0 & 0
\end{array}\right)
$$

in the order $n-3, n-2, n, n-1,1,2, \ldots, n-4$, we get the matrix $M\left(t^{i}, t^{j}, t^{p}, 1,1,1, \alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \ldots, \alpha_{k}\right)$.
2.4. Proof of Theorem 5. The proof follows from Propositions 2 and 3. Indeed, the first proposition implies at once that $M=M(v)$ is reducible, if $w(M)=n-2$, and the second one that $M=M(v)$ is reducible, if $2<w(M)<n-2$ (in both the cases it need to take $m=2, s=1$ ).

In conclusion, we note that in the cases $n=2,3$ the theorem is trivial, in the case $n=4$ it follows from Theorem 4 and in the case $n=5$ there is the only exception, namely the matrix $M(1,1, t, t, t$, $)$ of weight 3 is irreducible.

The theorem is proved.

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[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ This statement is valid for matrices with elements from any set if one modifies the definitions accordingly.

[^2]:    ${ }^{2}$ To do it, one is to arrange the rows and columns in the order $2,2+\mathrm{p}, 2+2 \mathrm{p}, \ldots, 2+(\mathrm{m}-$ 1) $\mathrm{p}, 3,3+\mathrm{p}, 3+2 \mathrm{p}, \ldots, 3+(\mathrm{m}-1) \mathrm{p}, \ldots, \mathrm{p}, 2 \mathrm{p}, 3 \mathrm{p}, \ldots, \mathrm{mp}, \mathrm{p}+1,(\mathrm{p}+1)+\mathrm{p},(\mathrm{p}+1)+2 \mathrm{p}, \ldots$, $(\mathrm{p}+1)+(\mathrm{m}-2) \mathrm{p}, 1$.

[^3]:    ${ }^{3}$ The $l$ th upper diagonal of a matrix $M=\left(m_{i j}\right)$, where $l \geqslant 1$, is the collection of elements $m_{i, i+l}$.

[^4]:    ${ }^{4}$ One can write $M\left(t, v_{0}\right)$ instead of $M(v)$ (as in [1]).
    ${ }^{5}$ A quadratic matrix is irreducible if it is not similar to a $2 \times 2$ upper block triangular matrix with quadratic diagonal blocks.

